(b) means for executing a search over instance-entities by applying said database query to said field or fields of instance-entities which contain said classification strings.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computerized method for classifying entities of different types, comprising the following steps:

(a) adding category-entities and criterion-entities to the classification and, optionally, also adding instance-entities, wherein

   a. said instance-entities [might] correspond to objects, concepts, events, characteristics, ideas or [other entity type] any type of object belonging to any realm of reality,

   b. the purpose of said category-entities is to create different classes to which said instance-entities can be assigned,

   c. the purpose of said criterion-entities is to create different classification criteria, after which different category-entities can be created,

(b) organizing some or all of said entities in a tree, with parent-child relationships, so that said entities correspond to the nodes of said tree, where it is not necessary that a graphical representation of said tree exists, and wherein:

   i   at least one of said criterion-entities is:
      a. the child node of one of said category entities, or
      b. the child node of another one of said criterion entities, or
      c. the child node of one of said category entities and the child node of another one of said criterion entities,

   ii at least one of said criterion-entities does not belong to a group of criterion nodes associated to the feature of criteria replication.

[wherein said method is based on a computerized system that can be of different types, such as for example one of the following ones:

i   an independent computerized method that comprises a screen and other means;

ii   a computerized method that might not have a screen but which comprises telecommunication means for the user of the invention to connect with said method, in a way that in order for said user to establish said connection, said user might use a second computerized method that might have a screen;

iii a different type of method with different characteristics.]

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The [A] method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising the step of showing an arboreal structure that represents said tree, [wherein there might exist different

(b) means for executing a search over instance-entities by applying said database query to said field or fields of instance-entities which contain said classification strings.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computerized method for classifying entities of different types, comprising the following steps:

(a) adding category-entities and criterion-entities to the classification and, optionally, also adding instance-entities, wherein

  a. said instance-entities [might] correspond to objects, concepts, events, characteristics, ideas or [other entity type] any type of object belonging to any realm of reality,

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[wherein said method is based on a computerized system that can be of different types, such as for example one of the following ones:

i   an independent computerized method that comprises a screen and other means,

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